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what's happening at the bridge

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Our *mission* at the bridge Presbyterian Church is to help people
Connect with God's people in your life
Connect with God's purpose in your life
Connect with God's passion for your life

Sun. Aug. 30 - 10:00 am - Sunday Service - Facebook and YouTube
Sun. Sep. 6 - 10:00 am - Sunday Service - Facebook and YouTube
Sun. Sep. 13 - 9:00am - Outdoor Sunday Service -
10:00 am on Facebook and YouTube

Before the service visiting time Zoom - 9:15 - 9:55

https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81276261023?pwd=Q3dEWXpWcGEyVTBodlVFUXlDREN2Zz09

Meeting ID: 812 7626 1023

Password: 703335

Sunday 10:00 am—Worship -Facebook and YouTube

Did you miss a service or just want to watch it again?
Here are the links!

Sunday, Aug. 2 - Facebook Live Service - https://youtu.be/s-Mkjfvf6Ug
Sunday, Aug. 9 - Facebook Live Service - https://youtu.be/fM-rydraRzc
Sunday, Aug. 16 - Facebook Live Service - https://youtu.be/VwyBnaFAp1g
Sunday, Aug. 23 - Facebook Live Service - https://youtu.be/unL4yiwiyVg

The bridge Core Habits

What does a disciple of Jesus Christ look like at ***the bridge****? Our core habits answer that question. Our core habits are:*

Pray daily - Worship together weekly - Welcome & Include everyone - Belong to a small group - Give generously - Cherish children - Forgive & reconcile continually - Serve our community

Worship Weekly

Date: August 30, 2020
Title: The Wheat and the Weeds
Text: Matthew 13: 24 - 30
Questions:

- Remember those flowers you planted last spring? How are they doing? Have you pulled them up out of the ground yet?
- In the parable of the Wheat and the Weeds, the farmer instructs his servants to let the wheat and weeds grow together. Why do you think the farmer gave his servants such an odd request?
- In the parable who is in charge of categorizing, separating and judging the wheat and the weeds? Whose job does that belong to?
- During these highly polarized times, how can Christians strive to work together? How can we Christians find common ground with those different than us?

A Note From Dr. Doug

"Be patient, bearing with one another in love." (Ephesians 4:2)

I wanted to take a moment to thank everyone at the bridge who has faithfully prayed and offered words of support and encouragement to me, the staff and the elders.

I know I speak for the elders and staff when I say that your support means a lot, right now!

Over the past few months, the leadership of the bridge has been working very hard to lead our congregation through what Harvard Business Review refers to as VOCA time. VOCA stands for Volatility, Uncertainty, Complexity, Ambiguity.

A heartfelt thank-you to all of you who have chosen to pray for the leadership of the bridge; to offer emails and notes of encouragement and called to offer us words of support during this season of VOCA.

Doug

bridge "Notes" from Patty

On August 19th, Chris Tomlin ft. Florida Georgia Line, and Thomas Rhett were asked to share this hit "Thank You Lord" On the Late, Late Show with James Corden. In case you missed it, you can enjoy it today. I think it's monumental when a song with a wholesome message makes it on late night TV... something we should celebrate. I hope you have a great week and stay safe out there.

https://youtu.be/CeS3rKH4U08

Elise's Tech Time

Today, I'm going to help fix your lagging livestream video! Does Dr. Doug's mouth and voice look like a dubbed spaghetti western? I've got some tips for you to try this Sunday.

1. Move the playback slider/timeline backwards 30 seconds to a minute, so you're not 'live' anymore.
2. Move closer to your WiFi router.
3. Turn the video quality down by going to the Settings (gear icon) to the right of the payback slider/time-line and turn the video quality from a higher number (or auto) to a to a lower number.
4. Switch to YouTube. (They've been doing video/live streaming longer and it shows with less lagging)

Outdoor Worship
Sunday, September 13th, 2020
9AM

As I promised you, the Worship Team met last week and has set a new date for our next outdoor worship. On **Sunday, September 13th the bridge will meet at 9AM** in the side parking lot between the Medical Building and the old entrance to the Children's Area.

Another promise that I made was that we would come up with a protocol for canceling services, and it was decided that by 7AM on the day of Worship a cancellation will be posted on Facebook. We ask that if you think there might be the possibility of cancellation to check that site prior to leaving your house.

In the meantime, the Team hopes that you are finding Worship via Facebook and YouTube an experience that helps you connect with our Lord until we can regather inside our Worship Center. Each step that has been made in virtual worship has been a true labor of love for the people of the bridge, but most of all for our love of our Lord.

Beginning Wed Sept 9th:

The bridge Presbyterian Church Zoom Lunch Together

Beginning Wed Sept 9th, Dr. Doug will host a mid-week gathering for all interested bridge covenant partners and friends. It will be an informal time to stay connected; discuss life and the church; share future plans; laugh and pray as a church family.

Bring a lunch; bring a question; bring a prayer request; share a story; lead us in a song and chill with your church family every Wednesday from noon till one o clock. For this initiative to go and grow, a minimum of ten individuals or families is needed. Not everyone has to show up every week, but part of the blessing of this time is the commitment we make one to another.

If you are interested in becoming part of this informal group, please email the church office at thebridgepres@gmail.com and let Wanda know. If you have ideas about how to use this time (can you say Facebook Challenge), please share them in your email to Wanda.

Pray Daily

Prayers for:

- Mendel Hawkins, Sharon Cushing's father, undergoing radiation treatments for cancer.
- Karen Cushing, Doug's Mother. She is having hip replacement surgery on Aug 31st
- Jimmy Bacik, a 17-year-old who was blinded by bilateral retinoblastoma by age five and is now undergoing treatment for Hodgkin's lymphoma (friend of Peter and Sandy Barrett).
- Taylor Ball, having a biopsy next week for abnormal test results; praying for a favorable outcome (daughter of Donna Maher).
- Donna Maher, dealing with lung issues, a reaction to rheumatoid arthritis injections.
- Eileen, having a biopsy for abnormal test results; praying it is not a cancer recurrence (friend of Susan Stanewick).
- Ned Underhill, in the ICU on a ventilator and suffering from a stomach bleed; prayers for healing for Ned and strength for his wife Patty (friend of Ethel Adams).

Sympathy:

- Sherry Low, in the death of her husband Peter on August 7, 2020 (Sherry is a member of the bridge sleep mat group).
- Eileen, in the drowning death of her 38-year-old nephew in Saratoga, New York (friend of Susan Stanewick).
- Charlie Riddle and his daughters Karen and Patrice on the death of their mother, Andrea, of pancreatic cancer on August 25, 2020.

Note: Names in parentheses indicate those who made the prayer request.

Last Call to Submit Recipes!

Our cookbook is coming along nicely, and we have almost reached our goal of 300 submitted recipes. If you have not submitted your recipes yet you have until Tuesday, September 1 to get yours included. Your Cookbook Committee is more than happy to do the typing for you should you need help. Just copy or take a photo of your recipes and send them to Kathy Westphal, Sharon Wingert or Mary Campbell and we will make sure they get included. (See the email addresses below) Or leave a hard copy of your recipes in the basket outside the door to the church office for us to pick up. Instructions are included below if you still want to enter them yourself. The important thing is that you are included in this project and want to share some of your family's favorite recipes with others.

Kathy Westphal
Kathywestphal16@gmail.com

Mary Campbell
carlislecampbell@gmail.com

Sharon Wingert
swim05@aol.com

U-TYPE IT ON-LINE DIRECTIONS FOR COOKBOOK RECIPES

- Go to cookbookpuslishers.com
- On left hand side of screen under circle with "Cookbook Publishers Since 1947" Scroll down to last green rectangle & click on green button that says "**Previous U-Type It** ".
- Login information: Login Box: bridgepresby

  Password: 497waterford
- On next screen, click green edit button.
- Click on recipe box icon.
- You should now be in section for adding recipes. Click on orange box at top "Add a Recipe". Don't do anything with recipe status at this time. Leave it set to Data Entry.
- Choose a category and a subcategory for your recipe from the drop- down box.
- Type in recipe title, using capital letters for all important words.
- Subtitle box: If you are submitting a Bridge Cookoff Recipe please state: Church Cookoff Recipe (or Winner) in this box.
- Type in your name, double checking spelling!
- You can open boxes on right for Common Abbreviations and Special Characters (i.e. degree symbol). Use abbreviations for consistency.
- List ingredients, only 1 per line. Use the + box to add more boxes for more ingredients.
- Type instructions in paragraph form. Type "Note:" at the end of paragraph if there is something special to say about this recipe or for clarification. We may or may not include the notes in the final cookbook, depending on cost or how many we get.
- Preview recipe. If you find an error, please go back to where you typed in the ingredients/directions and make changes.
- Must hit SAVE!!! or SAVE & ADD ANOTHER RECIPE!!! or we will lose your recipe!

Please note that you must spell out the word "and". This program does not recognize the & symbol.

WANT TO LEARN MORE ABOUT THE BRIDGE??
WE ARE PLANNING A VIRTUAL CONNECTIONS CLASS on SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 20TH @11:15AM

Are you looking for a more meaningful way to connect with our bridge family? Are you considering becoming a Covenant Partner?

Please join us for an informal information session hosted by the Connections Team, Sunday, September 20th immediately following our 10AM service. This a wonderful opportunity to get to know more about *the bridge* and spend some time getting to know our Pastor, Doug Cushing, and others who are new to our church family. Doug will discuss how our church was started and God's mission for *the bridge*. He will give us an overview of our 8 core habits and how these core habits connect with the ministry teams. Doug will share some of our plans for helping our community and growing our church. He will also discuss how you can join our mission by becoming a Covenant Partner when you are ready to do so.

We invite anyone who has worshiped with us and wants to learn more to consider this time of fellowship and information. We wish that we could meet with you in person but hope that a virtual connection will be the next best thing.

You can sign up by contacting Wanda via email at thebridgepres@gmail.com.

We look forward to welcoming another great group to our church family!!

Cherish Children

During this time, it is important to stay connected to each other and to God. Because we are unable to connect in person, the Children and Families Ministry team will do our best to keep up our "normal" Sunday morning routine of having a "lesson" with activities and crafts that go along with Dr. Doug's sermons. Families, please check your email for activities, lesson ideas, and other resources from Elizabeth Murray. Please email Elizabeth at efmurray1975@gmail.com if you are not getting the resources and would like to.

Serve Our Community

Our September featured Mission Partners:

Matthew's Ministry

Charter Day School of Roger Bacon Academy.

Matthew's Ministry provides food for local children so they have nourishment on weekends. Backpacks are needed to send the groceries home with them. The bridge sponsors Town Creek Elementary and Charter Day School.

Charter Day School is in need of loose leaf paper, one subject notebooks, glue sticks, pencil pouches, and erasers.

If you feel called to support these ministries, **a bin will be provided for your donations at the outdoor service on Sunday, Sept. 13th.** There will also be a collection later in the month.

Monetary donations may be sent to the bridge Presbyterian Church, 497 Olde Waterford Way, Suite 205, Leland, NC, 28451, with "Matthew's Ministry" or "Charter Day School" on the memo line.

Give Generously

This week's offering is $ 5,310.00

As you continue to give generously during this time, you can mail you pledges to **497 Olde Waterford Way, Suite 205, Leland, NC 28451** or set up direct payment where your bank will mail a check. It is very easy to set up and if you have any questions or need help, one of the generosity team members will be glad to talk to you. Just let Wanda know.

Disaster Recovery Team Update

Flu Shots

September and October are the Best Months to Get A Flu Shot

NHRMC Physician Group practices will be offering several options for getting a flu shot this year. Per CDC recommendations, NHRMC practices will provide flu vaccines for the 2020-2021 flu season beginning in September and recommend everyone get their vaccine in September or October.

The CDC does not recommend flu vaccination earlier in the year, particularly for elderly or high-risk patients, because the shot's protection might be reduced later in the flu season.

How to Get A Flu Vaccine This Fall:

1. Call your doctor's office or use NHRMC MyChart to schedule an appointment for the shot with your provider or their clinical team
2. Visit any NHRMC ExpressCare location – no appointment needed (Please check first to see if COVID-19 restrictions have affected Express care hours).

COMING SOON – "Flu Thru" Drive-Thru Flu Shots at select NHRMC Physician Group primary care locations. Look for more information on scheduling your "Flu Thru" appointment in the coming weeks.

If you have any questions about the flu vaccine or your risk for contracting the flu, please reach out to your personal physician.

American Red Cross

American Legion Post 68 Blood Drive.

Let's Save Some Lives!

The John E. Jacobs American Legion Post 68 will host a Red Cross Blood Drive on Friday, September 11, 2020! The Need for Blood and Plasma is Constant. Join Us. Save Lives. Be Proud.

When: Friday, September 11, 2020

Time: 1:00pm to 6:00pm

Place: Brunswick County Complex-Cooperative Extension (Building-N) 25 Referendum Drive NE Bolivia, NC 28422

Appointments are required! No walk-ins.

For an appointment: - Please visit www.redcrossblood.org and enter American Legion Post 68 in the "Find a Blood Drive" search box in the upper right-hand corner of the home page or call 1-800-REDCROSS (1-800-733-2767) –

1. Select an Appointment Time –
2. Complete the donor Rapid Pass to help speed your check-in –
3. Arrive 15 minutes before your appointment - Bring a photo ID or your Red Cross donor card –
4. Wear a mask

Help Those Who are Fighting Covid—19. Join The Fight!

The Hospitality team is resuming our Equal Exchange Coffee sales. Equal Exchange is one of The Bridge's Sustainable Partners. The sale of the products serves a dual purpose. First, we are investing in small farmers to become independent and profitable as well as sustaining their land while providing an organic product. The second purpose is to provide the coffee that we use for our Coffee Fellowship when we worship at the Bridge.

We currently are unable to physically enjoy Sunday Coffee Fellowship, but wouldn't it be wonderful to enjoy a cup of Equal Exchange coffee while connecting with each other on Zoom, prior to Sunday worship? **You can!** Below you will find a list of our products as well as the price. If you do not enjoy coffee, we are selling, tea, hot chocolate and for those with a sweet tooth we are selling chocolates

Ordering is easy as can be. Email Jane Jones at Auntiejj1963 @gmail.com. or Sandy Sears at slsoct@yahoo.com. We will be offering delivery or pickup. Ordered items can be picked up at the Bridge on the second and fourth Thursday, between 11am-12pm. Exact payment of cash or check is requested to limit contact. If you prefer zero contact, payments can be mailed to the church office, with the word COFFEE in the memo and your purchases can be delivered to your doorstep. We are limiting deliveries to the Leland Area.

If you have any questions you may email either Jane or Sandy at the emails above.

We look forward to your support, as well as sharing a cup of Equal Exchange coffee with each other as we connect virtually and or physically.

Thank you,

Jane Jones and Sandy Sears on behalf of the Hospitality Committee

ITEM	PRICE
Bags of Coffee	
Decaf	$8.50
French Roast	$8.00
Love Buzz	$8.00
Breakfast Blend	$8.00
Whole Bean	$8.00
K-Cups	
Decaf	$7.00
French Roast	$7.00
Breakfast Blend	$7.00
Chocolate Bars	
Milk	$3.00
Very Dark	$3.00
Chocolate Mint Crunch	$3.00
Dark Chocolate Almond	$3.00
Dark Caramel Crunch	$3.00
Milk Caramel Crunch	$3.00
Coconut	$3.00
Orange	$3.00
Mini Chocolate 16 per bag	
Milk Chocolate	$5.00
Dark Chocolate	$5.00
Cashews	$7.00
Hot Chocolate	
Regular	$6.00
Dark Chocolate	$6.00
Tea	
Green Tea	$4.00

Session Meeting Summary, August 5, 2020 from Clerk of Session Susan Stanewick

The Session met for its regular stated meeting via Zoom at 4PM. Doug Cushing opened with prayer and led devotion. Minutes were approved.

Clerk's Report: Information was presented with regard to a letter received from the Presbytery about nominations and a waiver to roll over the process this year. Action: A motion was made by Bill Harwell with second by Charlie Riddle to continue to follow standard procedures for electing officers. (G-2.0401) Discussion ensued with regard to the process and congregational meeting requirements. Elizabeth Murray will assist with online dissemination. Patti Pirher will continue as chair of a nominating team with responsibility to proceed with proposing a nominating team of one former elder, 3 at large members and Dr. Doug acting ex officio.

Pastor's Report: Dr. Doug will provide a report of the study group he has been conducting with regard to communication in the political climate at the next meeting.

Action: Elders are to review entries for Operations Manual and submit to Wanda for update to the current manual.
Action: Elders are to send minutes for team meetings to Wanda for inclusion on Realm
Disaster Recovery: Ed Weihs: A bilingual Spanish speaking individual has joined the group(VOAD) so if help is needed with translation assistance she is available. Other services for assistance post disaster such as mucking are available. Ed Weihs is contact for the bridge and can advise. Tarps are available through the county as are masks if needed for specific meetings.

Generosity: Bill Harwell: Update on financial position-YTD numbers are available in Currents; while still showing a deficit there is a positive trend vs. budget with funds received as part of the CARES program. Awaiting bank to advise us with regard to automatic forgiveness of funds received. Session extended appreciation for the team work during a difficult time.

Hospitality: Fran Rumpf: A pet contest is planned for late September, possibly tied to a Blessing of the Animals outdoors.
Cookbook team is looking for additional submissions; goal is availability for holiday giving. The bridge will support an evening outdoors at PTGrille featuring bridge musician Dave Bohn and guest musician, former Music Director of the bridge, Wes Hunter August 14, 5:45PM

Long term planning/personnel: Charles Riddle: Welcome to Elise Seifert, technology director. Job descriptions are being reviewed for updated operations manual. Personnel team headed by Charlie and team members, Elizabeth Murray, Cathy Boettcher, Luana Queen and Dr. Doug. Staff evaluations will take place this fall

Missions: Patti Pirher: Report on August sustainable mission partner-Brunswick County Schools. Most needed are head phones. 8/16 outdoor service will have a bin to receive. September partner is Matthew's Ministry and collection of backpacks. Leland House plan for the bridge to recreate a worship service via in-house television; Patti will consult with Elise about ways for the bridge to live stream.

Prayer and Care: Marilyn Vernon: Investigating ways to support church family partners after loss. Several ideas were presented to Marilyn for a tangible token of love to be shared with recipient.

Small Groups Mission: Julie Shackleton: Most small groups are not meeting during the summer. Working on update for fall along with virtual gatherings.

Worship**:** Cathy Boettcher/Doug Cushing: Investigating introduction to congregation and session new staff member, Elise Seifert. A different location is being considered outdoors (providing shade) for the August 16 church gathering, weather permitting. FB will be pre-recorded. Staff is meeting to prioritize duties of Technology Director. Final job descriptions will be crafted.

Next stated session meeting September 2, 2020 4PM

Celebrating Birthdays at the bridge

August

Debbie	Rosamilia	1
Mark	Benton	4
Stella	Benton	4
Ralph	Perkins	5
Sandra	Huth	7
Deloras	Iannucci	7
Dave	Steffenauer	8
Mike	Spradley	11
Fred	Payne	20
Ivy	Becker	29
Arlene	Holmes	29
Rondia	Payne	30

September

Larry Shackleton	5
Pat Smith	11
Charles Riddle	17
George Robertson	18
Jay Benton	20
Jan Steffenauer	28